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1. In mid-June 1952, [redacted] saw that an undetermined number of Volkspolizei (VP) offices, several kilometers apart, had been established in the area west of [redacted] along the present German-Polish border. They were occupied by minor VP details who were committed to border guard duty. Soviet sentries were attached to the Volkspolizei only at border crossing points to Poland. The line of demarcation was indicated by a plowed strip, 5 to 10 meters wide, a number of wire entanglements was seen on Polish territory. When persons fled from the Polish-occupied territories, some of the Polish border police followed as far as [redacted].

2. On 11 and 12 June 1952, Volkspolizei personnel established an observation post on the grain silo at the Schlachtschleuse (lock), 2 km. east of [redacted] Oder. The post was equipped with searchlights.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The information on intensified border control tends to indicate that the measures taken along the zonal border between Eastern Germany and Western Germany were also taken on the other borders of Eastern Germany. Other information indicated that new security measures were also taken on the Polish side of the border. Two Derzitschaften of the Volkspolizei had previously been committed on the German side of the border in Eastern Germany.

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